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Weary of the Thaw Trial.

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There are many, who, like "Darke County Boy", are very tired of the long drawn out murder trial at New York, and would be glad to see its ending, and ending wisely, in the conviction of the murderer. But still the newspapers must continue to relate what is going on, because of the great interests at stake. If there was no more involved than the life of the degenerate prisoner the newspapers might, with propriety, give no attention to the unsavory trial; but when we bear in mind that the acquittal of this man, so plainly a murderer, will imperil life in our cities, we must continue to watch the case with great concern.

The lunacy commission has found the prisoner sane. It was to be expected. He always was sane within the meaning of the law, and the two great lawyers on the commission could come to no other conclusion. They have told the veritable truth.

This finding does not contradict the finding of the alienists, some of them at least, for they had in view the psychic condition of the man, and from their view-point, he is abnormally made up—a paranoiac, as they dub him. We must bear in mind, however, that a man in that condition is not an irresponsible person. A man may be abnormal, and yet have knowledge enough to commit a crime and therefore a fit subject for penalty.

The man who shot the lamented William McKinley was, no doubt, a crank; but we hanged him all the same. The crank who killed Garfield was obviously of an unsound mind, but we hanged him; and was not Wilkes Booth, who shot the great Lincoln, beside himself? And yet, had we caught him alive, we would surely have put him out of the way by hanging him.

The other day a man in London shot another man, just as Thaw did; he was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to hang. His trial lasted just one day. The plea for him was insanity, but the presiding judge instructed the jury to pay no attention to the plea of insanity. They did not. Why not deal with this man Thaw the same way? He obviously committed the crime, and was as sane then as he is now. The insanity plea is a mere dodge to save the life of a rich criminal. The London man was poor and therefore the insanity dodge failed to work.

Men say "Stanford White was a very bad man and ought to have been killed." Are we to kill every bad man? Then surely Thaw should find no escape, for his life has been no better than that of the man he slew. But, really, we can not allow one bad man to kill another, for that would substitute personal revenge for our courts of justice; a savage proceeding.

Jerome will doubtless do all in his power to secure a conviction, and if he fail, the blame will rest with the court and jury. There is no question of the prisoner's guilt, and there is no real foundation for the insanity plea. It is obviously a device to clear the guilty.

Great lawyers and great alienists are in the pay of the wealthy Thaw family. And they are likely to succeed in one of two

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things, either an acquittal or a jury disagreement. Either will be an unfortunate thing for New York; ay, more, for the whole country. We have no personal ill-feeling toward this man Thaw, nor toward any of his kin, but we would regard his conviction and execution as the proper steps to take in the interest of society. "Fiat justitia, ruat cælum."

A Criminal Attack
on an inoffensive citizen is frequently made in that apparently useless little tube called the "appendix." It's generally the result of protracted constipation, following liver torpor. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, prevent appendicitis, and establish regular habits of the bowels. 25c. at Wm. Kipp's Sons' drug store.

Gettysburg.
The Delmatico inquiring into the case of Harry Thaw, now on trial for his life in the city of New York, has resulted in finding Mr. Thaw sane. Just what any person may have surmised would happen, and the trial is now proceeding to determine whether he was justified in the killing of Mr. White or goes to the electric chair. Neither one of these contingencies may be determined by a failure of the jury in the case to agree upon one or the other. This has been a remarkable trial, and farce as well. The court record of the country, I think, fails to show a parallel of this case, measure it in any way you will. Testimony of equal ability and trustworthiness has been given by experts as to the sanity and insanity of Mr. Thaw—an occurrence, to say the least, which seems somewhat paradoxical and places one or the other of the experts on the wrong side. Would it not be pertinent to call experts to testify as to the sanity or insanity of the experts who have testified pro and con as to the sanity of Mr. Thaw? They can not both be correct, unless the theory of the immortal "J. N." be adopted, by which he always proved, to his satisfaction at least, that the North and South were both right and both wrong in the war of the rebellion. So these experts may be both right and both wrong in their conclusions, and so it may be that Mr. Thaw is both sane and insane according to the standpoint from which viewed. If Mr. Thaw should be acquitted, because found insane at the time of his commission of the murder, and sane now that he could not be sent to the madhouse, who will tell how long it may be until he may have another brain storm, and impelled by it, kill some person again? How is society to be protected from such singular characters? Will some one answer?

Rev. J. A. Hoffman visited here a couple of days last week. On Wednesday evening he preached an interesting sermon on "Resurrection and Immortality" in our M. E. church to an appreciative audience. Thursday he and Mrs.

Hoffman, who had been a visitor here for a couple of weeks prior, left for their home in Fremont.

On next Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. the services of the third quarterly meeting will be held here. Presiding Elder C. R. Havighorst will be present to conduct the exercises.

A few of our people are sodding their premises, and building cement steps and ways from the sidewalks into their yards, adding materially to the beauty and convenience of their premises.

A lower temperature has prevailed since this month began and the effect it may have on our prospect for fruit can only be conjectured. Fear, however, is entertained that the condition of weather experienced will be injurious and that a large percent, if not all, will be killed by the frosts.

Lester Whitlock of Piqua spent a couple of days last week with his grandparents, L. S. Gilbert's.

Our Assessor started on his round this morning to ascertain the financial standing of the beloved people of this precinct for taxation.

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My Dear Old Mother.
"My dear old mother, who is now eighty three years old, thrives on Electric Bitters," writes W. B. Brunson, of Dublin, Ga. "She has taken them for about two years and enjoys an excellent appetite, feels strong and sleeps well." That's the way Electric Bitters affect the aged, and the same happy results follow in all cases of female weakness and general debility. Weak, puny children too, are greatly strengthened by them. Guaranteed also for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, by Wm. Kipp's Sons, druggists, 50c.

Otterbein.
Van Odel and wife were in Greenville Friday.

T. L. Howell and wife were in Arcanum Saturday.

On last Thursday night about thirty-five invited guests met at the home of Albert Slifer and wife to remind their daughter Versa that she had passed another mile-stone in life, it being her 17th anniversary. After spending the evening in playing games and eating popcorn and taffy, they departed at a late hour wishing her many more happy returns of her birthday.

Charles McLearn and family and Bert Horn and wife of Richmond visited Otho Detro and wife Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Shumaker is still improving; the nurse went home on Tuesday of last week.

Chalmer Hawkey, Roy and their sister Lottie visited Fletcher James, near Gettysburg, Preble county, Saturday and Sunday.

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FASHIONS IN NEW YORK

Are the requirements of fashion greater each season, or is human ingenuity on the increase? To one or the other must we attribute the remarkable beauty and varied ornamentation of summer fabrics. There was a time when simple, dotted Swiss muslin (in white or colors) was considered "just the thing"; now the St. Gall manufactures are heavily embroidered in flower sprays, wreaths of small flowers, tied with a bow, tiny baskets laden with posies, and various other floral figures. Fabrics, crossed both ways with silken stripes, and having delicate flower sprays climbing from one bow to the other, are called "spider" effects.

Organdies and Mulls.—These gossamer fabrics also show flower patterns on pale-hued backgrounds, and black hairline stripes bring out their soft colorings with fine effect. Contrasting braiding or embroidery on linen suits is almost the rule, and of course, hand embroidery

by the domestic artist.

Black Chips.—These are in especial favor at present, as a vantage ground for the display of white ostrich plumes or colored flowers, and at Wanamaker's some particularly handsome examples are seen, combining the latest styles in both shapes and trimming. Lilacs, either white or colored, sometimes cover a crown, or on a black straw with a large black ribbon or velvet bow at the front, two or three drooping sprays at the side, give a pretty finish. Pink roses are often combined with lilacs, usually the half-open style. A stylish toque may be banked with roses at the front and black wings at the back.

Parasols.—These clearly evince the continued rage for hand-embroidery on white linen, and inconsistent prices prevail, as an embroidered silk parasol is less expensive than one of embroidered linen. These have plain, straight, light-wood handles, with a rosette on the han-



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takes first rank. Voiles are very sheer, and afford opportunity for using half worn silk skirts, as checked, striped or changeable taffetas are all being used for linings. Skirt trimmings seem to be an optional matter, as some are quite heavily trimmed while others are almost devoid of ornamentation. One cannot go wrong, however, in using bands of silk, a few simple tucks, or graduated rows of black velvet.

Spring Millinery.—This most important branch of sartorial art may be said to have settled down, with the marked prominence of the drooping brim, and long ostrich plume. The latter is too expensive for the woman of moderate means, but then the floral world is at her command, also that of ribbon, quills or wings, grasses, tulle, cherries, and even mushrooms and strawberries. The latter are the newest of new hat garnitures. An immense tulle crown tacked in artistic folds is both pretty and economical, but should not be attempted

die. Fancy parasols are in the gayest hues that can be imparted by Pompadour or Dresden silk, and red or "crushed strawberry" are also in great vogue. Lace inserts are charming, and every combination of black and white is acceptable. White chiffon holds its own, the border finished with ruffles. Black Chantilly lace over white, or white lace over white, show refined and elegant taste.

The half-high tan shoe is in great demand, and of course, homiery to match. Ribbon lacings and a handsome bow on the instep, impart a stylish air, and as the length of skirts still admit a full view of footwear, the latter is of special importance. Black patent leather has lost no ground and a pretty variety comes with a white or colored facing at the upper edge of the shoe, which is termed "a collar". Of colored shoes there is no end, as fashion demands that almost everything must harmonize in color.

VERONA CLARKE.

Universalist Church, Sunday, April 14.

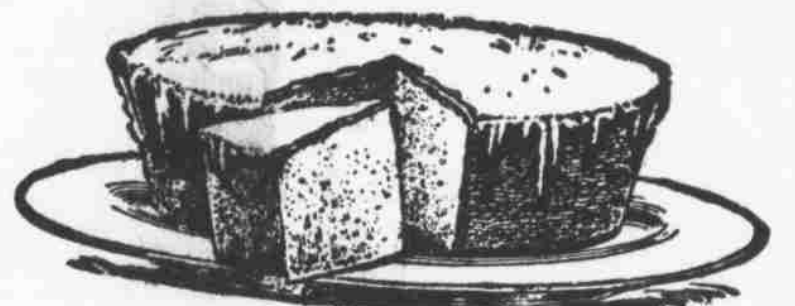
Rev. Martha Jones will preach at 10:30 on "God gives the increase"; at 7:30 on "The endurance of the truth." Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, April 13, at 3 p.m., Rev. Martha Jones will speak on "Domestic Economy."

This week the Bible Study gave place to the Quarterly Rally Social at the home of Mr. Davidson. All other Wednesdays of the quarter we will pursue the study of the development of the religion that will at last become the universal religion of man.

The American Boy for April.

For everything that the healthy, wide-awake boy delights in, the April number of The American Boy stands second to none in its class. The five serials are continued and there are, as usual, many short stories. The boy who wants to know about successful men will be interested in two good articles, as will also the students of natural history and the anglers. Boys who want to do things will find plenty to choose from in the many practical departments, besides all the regular departments. The number contains over 70 illustrations. \$1 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.



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Obituary.

Iora Gower Rogers, wife of Elmer C. Rogers, and daughter of J. S. and Louisa J. Gower, was born in Darke county, near Greenville, O., February 12, 1861, and died March 28, 1907, aged 46 years, 1 month and 16 days.

About thirty years ago she was converted and became a member of the Wabash Valley Christian church and retained her membership there until her death, always living a pure christian life in every respect.

September 5, 1886, she was married to Elmer C. Rogers, and to this union were born three sons and two daughters, and of these the two oldest, a son and daughter, preceded their mother in death. Nolah, Earnest and Homer remain to share with their father the great sorrow which has come to them.

In all the twenty and more years Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have traveled life's journey together their home has been almost ideal in its unity of love and interests, so that her death is indeed a sad one to them.

While she was indulgent in her family relations to the point of sacrifice, yet she ruled as a mother with the firm hand of love, making her children feel always that she was interested in making their lives to be the strongest possible. As a wife she took keen interest in her husband's undertakings and strove and succeeded in making home the most blessed place on earth for her family. Every day her life was lived as though life to her was eternal and thus it was to the end.

Besides her husband and children she leaves an aged father and a sister and many other relatives and friends whose lives are made sadder because she has

gone.
Funeral services Saturday, March 30, from the home on Twelfth street, conducted by Rev. Omer S. Thomas of the Christian church; interment near New Weston, her former home.

Hard Times In Kansas.

The old days of grasshoppers and drouth are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today; although a citizen of Codell, Earl Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold cure and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by Wm. Kipp's Sons, druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Extra Early Chicks.

If you are not prepared to give extra early chicks the right kind of care and housing, better wait patiently for finer weather for the first hatch. It is cruel and a loss of time and money to hatch out the extra early chicks unless you can give them the conditions necessary to keep them in best shape and growing rapidly.

THE CARE OF RUGS.

How to Sweep Large Ones and to Dust Small Ones.

Some housekeepers have concluded that they prefer two or three small rugs in a room to one large one which is too heavy for a woman to handle and beat. A great single rug covering the center of the room looks well, even if of no better quality than a good Smyrna. But small rugs must be of better quality to prove satisfactory. Provided there is a large rug down and no man willing or to be hired to beat it, by care it can be kept in fair condition for several weeks. Of course it must be swept where it is. Having dusted the movable ornaments and chairs and carried them to another room and dusted and covered other things that are conveniently moved, sweep the rug in the direction of the warp in short strokes and take up the dirt along the edges on the floor. Now sweep the rug again in the opposite direction after scattering over it bits of dampened newspaper pressed as dry as possible. Turn the edges up and brush out underneath for a few inches. Now sweep the bare floor with a dust brush, and after the dust has settled wipe the floor with a slightly damp cheesecloth and the rug with another cheesecloth dampened in water to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. In this way the rug will look bright and be quite free from dust.

Tea leaves when used to take up dust are apt to stain delicate colors. The above method of cleaning a rug may seem troublesome to one who would prefer to attack it with a broom and give it a vigorous dragging, but it would be no cleaner by her treatment, and the walls and furniture would be loaded with dust, to say nothing of discomfort to the sweeper in breathing the dust.

If small rugs are used, do not allow them to be taken out and shaken by one end or, in fact, shaken at all, for this is the way to break them into rags, along the edges at least. Hang over a line and beat with a rat-tan, or better yet, have the rugs laid on the grass and beaten on the wrong side first and then turned.—Chicago Lacer Ocean.

For the Children

To succeed these days you must have plenty of grit, courage, strength. How is it with the children? Are they thin, pale, delicate? Do not forget Ayer's Sarsaparilla. You know it makes the blood pure and rich, and builds up the general health in every way.

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